Men's Prayer and Women's Attire

Men--interested in performance

Women--interested in appearance.

Men—1 Timothy 2:8

Everywhere: in every place, in every city where believers assembled

Who pr

God has given men the responsibility of <u>leadership!</u>

1 Corinthians 11:3 Ephesians 5:22 Ephesians 5:23

How Pray?

1. Lifting up holy hands. Holy life and clean heart.

Romans 8:15

Holy Hands—blameless, clean life.

Psalm 24:3-4 2 Samuel 22:21

Important thing—not posture of body but posture of <u>heart</u>.

2. Without Wrath. Anger in heart.

Constantly having trouble with others

Ephesians 4:31 Matthew 6:14-15

3. Without doubting. No confidence in God

2:9. IN like manner also... in the <u>same</u> way...likewise...similarly...just as important as....

Men evidence spirit of holiness by prayer.

Women evidence spirit of holiness by being modest.

Equation: Praying men + modest women = Powerful church.

1 Timothy 2:9

Adorn: ordered system, harmonious arrangement or constitution.

What a woman wears is harmonious or consistent with her relationship to <u>God</u>...

What she wears is consistent with what she is.

Modest: orderly...consistent with God's <u>character</u>.

Apparel: something let down.

Loose flowing garment

Considered immoral and indecent to accentuate contours of the body.

A covering.

With shamefacedness: bashfulness, reverence.

Easy to blush.

Shrinking from trespassing boundaries of propriety

Blend of modesty and humility.

This woman is ashamed and embarrassed to go <u>beyond</u> bounds of what is decent and proper.

Emphasis: innocent, pure countenance.

Distinct correlation between a woman's countenance and her <u>moral</u> values A woman's morals affect her countenance. **Isaiah 3:9 Jeremiah 3:3**

Principles of Dress

- 1. Always draw attention to countenance
- 2. Never draw attention to the contours.

Sobriety—good sense.

Soundness of mind

Entire command of passions and desires

Avoid a woman is in control of her passions--her dress will show it

Broided (plated—braided).

No expense spared to make dazzling

Turn to: Isaiah 3:16-24

1 Timothy 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Women who claim to be godly make themselves attractive by things they do... the way they <u>dress</u>.

Men who claim to be godly--prove it by their prayer and <u>purity</u> of life

Women who claim to be godly--prove it by the way they <u>dress</u>.

Men—don't present yourself to be a godly man if you are not given to <u>prayer</u>.

Women—don't present yourself as being a spiritual woman if you don't understand and apply the principle of modesty in the way your dress!

Professing: proclaiming,

1 Peter 3:1

Without the word: without being nagged... preached at

1 Peter 3:2

They observe your pure and godly lifestyle.

1 Peter 3:3

Not so much concerned about the outward as the inward.

1 Peter 3:4

Hidden man of the heart—<u>inner</u> beauty.

Which is not corruptible: won't decay or perish.

Meek: manifestation of humility. Controlled strength.

Quiet: tranquil... not ruffled

Spirit: attitude

Principle: Women, your modesty ought to parallel the men's piety!

Immodest apparel on women just as destructive to church as <u>prayerless</u> and unclean men who are full of wrath and doubting.

Proper statement--Prayerless men are <u>sinful</u> men. How about--Immodest women are sinful women.

Proper statement--Men! God's will is that you are men given to <u>prayer</u>. Proper statement-- Women, God's will is that you are women given to modesty!

How about: Spiritual men pray

How about: Spiritual women dress modestly.

How specific do we get?

Men: Pray everywhere.

With holy lives and clean hearts?

Without any <u>anger</u> in hearts Keep your confidence in God

Women:

That women adorn themselves: wears that which is consistent with what she is on the <u>inside</u>.

In modest apparel: Clothing which is consistent with God's character... loose fitting and hangs down....Not show <u>contours</u>....

With shamefacedness. Innocent... blend of modesty and humility.

Puts on display your pure and innocent countenance.

And sobriety: shows that you have good sense.

So What? How about setting some ministry standards?

Very important standards for the ministry at Woodside?

Men: Spiritual men pray! Given to holy life and clean <u>heart</u>. No anger in <u>heart</u>. Without doubting.

Women: <u>Loose</u> fitting clothes. Not showing contours

Draws attention to face